

Tentative 2008-09 Tentative
Migratory Game Bird Season Dates

STATEWIDE	
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 20 - 24 Oct. 18 - Dec. 11
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Oct. 4 - 5
Canada Geese and Brant	Sept. 27 - Oct. 5 Oct. 18 - Dec. 21 Dec. 27 - Jan. 11, 2009
White-fronted Geese	Sept. 27 - Dec. 7
Light Geese (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross' geese)	Sept. 27 - Jan. 11, 2009
Light Goose Conservation Order (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross' geese)	Jan. 12 - April 15, 2009 Additional Regulations Apply
Woodcock	Oct. 4 - Nov. 17
Snipe	Sept. 6 - Nov. 30
Rail (Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 6 - Nov. 14
SPECIAL SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SEASONS WITHIN ZONES	
Canada Geese Only in designated zones around Des Moines, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, and Cedar Falls/Waterloo. Special regulations apply. See Special September Canada Goose Season flyer at select license agents in hunt zones and online at http://www.iowadnr.gov/wildlife/files/earlycago.html	Sept. 1 - 15

NOTE ABOUT DUCK AND GOOSE ZONES

In contrast to recent years, this year the duck and goose season dates are not listed by zones. This is because the season dates are the same in each zone. This happened because of how the 2008 calendar dates aligned with weekends and holidays. The DNR has not abandoned the duck and goose zones. If it is advantageous to set the season dates by zones next year, the zones will once again be used.

* The above season dates are within the guidelines approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service but have not yet been approved by the Natural Resource Commission. The Natural Resource commission meets on August 14, 2008 and will vote on the regulations at the meeting. Please check back on August 19th for the final dates.